

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

In seattle, there are three great radio stations. One is owned by a billionaire and one is considered 'pirate radio' by the FCC. Please work to roll back existing mergers so some quality comes back to seattle radio.

I submit to you that the public interest is best served by mom and pop companies and by kids playing around in their garage, not by large media conglomerates. Free exchange of unbiased information is far more important than the free commerce concerns and merger desires of major media players. Your first priority, I propose to you, should be the public.

With regard to micro-radio, I cannot understand why you would censor non-extremist, non-harmful community voices. The citizens own the airwaves, the should have free use of a small slice of the dial.

I want radio that is community based, non-profit and ad-free. Micro-radio is akin to posting flyers in a public area-- the city assumes the clean up costs and free speech thrives. For under a hundred dollars, I can broadcast to people in my neighborhood without interfering with licensed, primary stations.

If unregulated micro-radio (within the existing unused spectrum) 'dilutes the airwaves' and makes profits thinner for radio conglomerates, then the market has spoken. Please allow me to stand on my soap box with simple technology and talk to my neighborhood.